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SUBJ: SOARES'S VISIT TO U.S. -- WIFE'S PROGRAM

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SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND PROGRAM
SUGGESTIONS FOR MRS. SOARES DURING JAN 20-29 VISIT TO U.S.
END SUMMARY.

1. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: MRS. SOARES (NEE MARIA BARROSA) WAS
BORN IN 1925 IN OLHAO IN THE ALGARVE. RECEIVED MASTERS DEGREE
IN PHILOSOPHY FROM LISBON UNIVERSITY. ENTERED NATIONAL
THEATRE IN 1944. HAS NUMEROUS STAGE AND FILM CREDITS.
DISMISSED FROM NATIONAL THEATRE IN 1948 FOR OPPOSITION
POLITICAL ACTIVITY. MARRIED MARIO SOARES IN 1949 IN CEREMONY
IN ALJUBE PRISON WHERE HE WAS BEING HELD ON POLITICAL CHARGES.
MEMBER OF SEVERAL WOMAN'S ORGAINZATIONS, INCLUDING NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF PORTUGUESE WOMEN. ACTIVE IN ORGANIZATION OF
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PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY. SOCIALIST CANDIDATE FROM THE

DISTRICT OF SANTAREM IN 1975 CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS.
SPEAKS SUFFICIENT ENGLISH FOR INTERVIEW PURPOSES.

2. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: MRS. SOARES WILL WISH TO ACCOMPANY
HUSBAND DURING SOME OF HIS ACTIVITIES. GIVEN HER BACKGROUND
IN THEATRE AND POLITICS, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING:

(A) NEW YORK:

- VISIT TO SELECTED DRAMA SCHOOL.
- SIGHTSEEING/SHOPPING.

(B) IN NEW HAVEN:

- VISIT TO DRAMA SCHOOL. MRS. SOARES WOULD BE WILLING TO
GIVE PORTUGUESE POETRY READING IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST.

(C) IN WASHINGTON:

AMBASSADOR SUGGESTS MRS. JILL RUCKELSHAUS AS A RESOURCE PERSON.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE:

- MEETING WITH CONGRESSWOMAN HECKLER.
- EVENING AT KENNEDY CENTER.
- INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST FEATURE WRITER.
- APPEARANCE ON MID-MORNING TV INTERVIEW PROGRAM
- MEETING WITH WOMEN'S RIGHTS/POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, SUCH
AS WOMAN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS.

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